

# HOUSE BILL No. 1553

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 22-10-15.

**Synopsis:** Mine safety fund. Establishes the mine safety fund, funded by a mine safety assessment, to supplement funding for salaries and costs related to two mine inspectors. Provides that the fund is administered by the department of labor.

**Effective:** July 1, 2003.

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January 16, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Labor and Employment.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 113th General Assembly (2003)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning labor and industrial safety.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 22-10-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2003]:

4 **Chapter 15. Mine Safety Fund**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the mine safety**  
6 **fund established by section 2 of this chapter.**

7 **Sec. 2. (a) The mine safety fund is established to provide funding**  
8 **for salaries and other costs related to two (2) mine inspectors. The**  
9 **fund shall be administered by the department of labor.**

10 **(b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from**  
11 **money in the fund.**

12 **(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**  
13 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**  
14 **manner as other public money may be invested.**

15 **(d) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not**  
16 **revert to the state general fund.**

17 **Sec. 3. (a) An operator of a coal mining operation shall pay to**

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1 the department of labor for deposit in the fund a mine safety  
2 assessment of one-half of one cent (\$0.005) per ton of raw coal  
3 produced in the year beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30,  
4 2004.

5 (b) An operator of a coal mining operation shall pay to the  
6 department of labor for deposit in the fund a mine safety  
7 assessment of one-third of one cent (\$0.0033) per ton of raw coal  
8 produced after June 30, 2004.

9 (c) If at any time the department of labor determines that the  
10 money in the fund exceeds two (2) times the amount needed to meet  
11 the annual funding requirements specified in section 2(a) of this  
12 chapter, the department of labor may suspend mine safety  
13 assessment payments under this section until the amount in the  
14 fund is less than two (2) times the amount needed.

15 (d) If at any time the department of labor determines that the  
16 money in the fund is insufficient to meet the annual funding  
17 requirements specified in section 2(a) of this chapter, the  
18 department of labor may increase the amount of the mine safety  
19 assessment by one-tenth of one cent (\$0.001) per ton of raw coal  
20 produced until the amount in the fund is sufficient to meet the  
21 annual funding requirements.

22 Sec. 4. The assessment required under section 3 of this chapter  
23 shall be paid quarterly, not later than thirty (30) days after the end  
24 of each calendar quarter.

25 Sec. 5. This chapter expires June 30, 2005.

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